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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

A three-month extension of time, to and including December 21, 2004, is requested for response to the action of June 21, 2004.

The check enclosed includes the fee of \$1,020.00 for the extension. If the amount is insufficient, please charge our deposit account No.50-1721. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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